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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

1. IN TELECON FROM LUSAKA TODAY, NOV 29, CODEL INQUIRED ABOUT USE OF DAO AIRCRAFT IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECTED CODEL TRIP MASERU-WINDHOEK AND RETURN ON DECEMBER 1. CODEL ASKED WHETHER AIRCRAFT MIGHT BE USED FOR ENTIRE TRIP OR, ALTERNATIVELY, AT LEAST BETWEEN MASERU AND JOHANNESBURG TO CONNECT WITH DECEMBER 1 COMMERCIAL SERVICE BETWEEN JOHANNESBURG AND WINDHOEK.

2. CODEL RAISED SAME QUESTION RE USE OF VC 135 (OR VC 137) WHICH WILL BRING TO BLOEMFONTEIN LARGE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR MASERU AAI CONFERENCE (STATE 278177). PRESUMABLY THAT AIRCRAFT WILL BE IDLE FROM ARRIVAL BLOEMFONTEIN NOV 28 UNTIL DEPARTURE DEC 3.

3. WE EXPLAINED TO CODEL PROBLEMS CONCERNING USE OF DAO AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING QUESTION OF REIMBURSEMENT TO DOD. WITH REGARD TO DOD REIMBURSEMENT, CODEL ASKED US TO CONFIRM WITH DEPARTMENT WHETHER USE OF VC 135 WOULD BE BILLED ON PER FLIGHT HOUR BASIS.

4. ALSO INFORMED CODEL THAT HERETOFORE WE HAD NOT PERMITTED US MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO FLY TO NAMIBIA.

5. CODEL WAS ADVISED THAT DAO WISHES TO BE OF ASSISTANCE
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AND IS ENDEAVORING TO SCHEDULE AN OFFICIAL MISSION WHICH

WOULD ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST PART OF CODEL'S NEEDS, THOUGH NO
COMMITMENT COULD YET BE MADE.

6. CODEL REQUESTED THAT HIS INQUIRIES RE THE USE OF EITHER
DAO AIRCRAFT OR VC 135 BE TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY TO DEPT
FOR REPLY.
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